

## REP. BECERRA PRESSES FOR A VOTE ON THE SENIORS PROTECTION ACT

Washington, DC – In response to the announcement today by the Social Security Administration that there will be no automatic Cost-of-Living-Adjustment for 2011, Congressman Xavier Becerra (CA-31), Vice Chair of the House Democratic Caucus and co-sponsor of the Seniors Protection Act (H.R. 5987), released the following statement.

**“The Consumer Price Index might be flat, but our seniors are struggling in this economy and they deserve our support. I urge my colleagues from both sides of the aisle to keep their promise to seniors, veterans and people with disabilities by supporting the Seniors Protection Act and provide a \$250 payment to those who receive Social Security to help them make ends meet during these difficult economic times. ”**

The Social Security Act provides for an automatic increase in Social Security and SSI benefits if there is an increase in the Consumer Price Index (CPI). As determined by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, there is no increase in the CPI and there can be no Cost-of-Living-Adjustment in 2011.

When Congress reconvenes in November, it is expected to take up the Seniors Protection Act (H.R. 5987) and provide a \$250 payment to 54 million Americans in lieu of no increase in their monthly income.